**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

The Andhra Pradesh Sandalwood and Red-sanders Wood Transit Rules, 1969 - Certain Amendments– Notification– Orders – Issued

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ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 117 Dated: 27-12-2016

Read the following:-

1. Andhra Pradesh Forest (Amendment) Act, 2016 (A.P. Act No.15 of 2016) published in the Extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette No.15, Part IV-B, Dated. 19-5-2016

2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No. 913/2009/Vig-2,Dt.25-7-2016.

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**ORDER** :

The appended notification will be published in an Extra-Ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated:30-12-2016.

2. The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, Andhra Pradesh, is requested to supply 100 copies of the notification to this Department and 300 copies to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

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The Advocate General, Andhra Pradesh, High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The Registrar General, High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

The Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department.

The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to Government.

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SECTION OFFICER

## NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 29 read with Section 68 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (Andhra Pradesh Act No.1 of 1967), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Sandalwood and Red-sanders Wood Transit Rules,1969 issued vide G.O.Ms.No. 437, Food & Agriculture (Legn) Department Dated.12-03-1969, and published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette No.17, R.S. to part-II, Dated. 29-5-1969 and as subsequently amended from time to time.

## AMENDMENTS

In the said rules:-

1. for rule 1, the following shall be substituted, namely:-
   These rules may be called the Andhra Pradesh Sandalwood, Red-sanders Wood and Scheduled Tree Transit Rules,1969.
2. for rule 3, the following shall be substituted namely:-

   3 (1) Conditions for import, export and movement:-

   No person shall import, export or move sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule trees within any place in whole of the State, unless such sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree is accompanied by a permit as prescribed in Rule 4 herein.

   3 (2) No sandalwood or red sanders or schedule tree shall be transported unless they bear the authorized marking or seal of the Government as provided in Rule 7.

3. for rule 4, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

   "4. Form of permits

   (1) In the case of sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree purchased from Government, the permit shall be in Form I.

   (2) In the case of sandalwood or red-sanders wood purchased at the Government sale depots in any other State and imported into this State, the permit shall be that used by the Government of that State or any authority in that State responsible for the sale of sandalwood or red sanders wood or schedule tree in that State and such permit shall be valid only for transport of the sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree to the destination specified therein.

   (3) In the case of sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree other than that referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2) or in the case of subsequent movement of the same sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2) the permit shall be in Form-II.

   (4) The quality of sandalwood or red sanders wood or schedule tree should be noted in the permit, namely, the number of pieces, measurement of each piece, quality according to the standard classification and weight of each piece/quality."

   (5) In case of export of sandal wood or red sanders wood or schedule tree, the Certificate of Origin should be obtained from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) and enclosed with the permit. The Certificate of Origin should be personally signed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. The format of certificate of origin is given in Form – VIII.

4. in rule 5 in sub-rule 3, for the expression 'Rs.10' per 100 permits the expression 'Rs.1000 (one thousand rupees) per 100 permits shall be substituted.

5. for rule 6, the following shall be substituted namely:

" 6 Checking of permits:-

1. All sandalwood or red-sanders wood or wood of a schedule tree, as the case may be, in transit shall be produced for examination at every checking station en route even without being asked by any officer for it or when called upon to do so.
2. The Officer-in-charge of the checking station shall, after satisfying himself that the sandalwood or the red-sanders wood or the wood of the schedule tree, as the case may be, has actually come from the place and is of the kind, stated in the permit issued by the concerned State Government or by any authority empowered in this behalf, and the permit is in Form I or II, as the case may be, and is not in excess of the quantity specified therein, endorse on the permit suitably in token of having passed the consignment and also make necessary entries in the register maintained at the checking station for this purpose. If the officer-in-charge of the checking station is not so satisfied and refuses to endorse in token of passing the consignment, he shall retain the sandalwood or the red-sanders wood or the wood of a Schedule Tree, as the case may be, and the permit of the concerned State Government or the permit in Form I or Form II, as the case may be, and report the case for orders of the Divisional Forest Officer having jurisdiction over the area stating clearly his reasons for the action taken.
3. The quantity of sandalwood, red-sanders wood or wood of the schedule tree, as the case may be, in transit shall not be more than that entered in the permit and if it is less, the same permit shall not be used again to cover the deficiency.
4. The permits referred to in the preceding rules shall, in the case of the imported sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule trees and sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule trees for export, be produced with the sandalwood, red-sanders wood or schedule trees, as the case may be, for examination at every checking station enroute which the sandalwood, red-sanders wood or schedule trees may be taken.
5. Any Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Deputy Tahasildar, or any Police Officer not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector or any Forest Officer not below the rank of a FBO or Thanadar in charge of a checking station may stop any vehicle reasonably suspected of carrying sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree as the case may be, for checking its contents and the permits, and such vehicle shall not proceed there from until permitted to do so by the above said officer or subordinate.
6. No person shall take any sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree, or pass it from, any road on which a checking station has been placed with intent to evade the production of the sandalwood, red-sanders wood or schedule tree at a checking station."

6. In rule 7.-

(I) In sub-rule (1),-

i In the opening line, for the words "All sandal wood or red-sanders wood" the words "All sandal wood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

ii In item (1), in the opening line, for the words, sandal wood or red-sanders wood "the words "sandal wood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

iii In item (2),

(a) In item (a) for the words "the Ownership of all sandal wood or red-sanders wood" the words "the Ownership of all sandal wood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

(b) In item (b) in sub – item (i) for the words 'sandal wood or red-sanders wood "the words "sandal wood or red – sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted and in sub – item (ii) ' sandal wood or red – sanders wood "the words "sandal wood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

(c) for item (C), the following shall be substituted, namely.-

"A fee of Rs.100 ( rupees hundred only) shall be charged in respect of registration or renewal of property mark".

(2) In sub – rule (3), -

i In item (i), for the words 'sandal wood or red – sanders wood, as the case may be "the words "sandal wood or red – sanders wood or schedule tree as the case may be shall be substituted.

ii In item (iv), for the words "Red – Sanders wood tree" the words, "sandal wood or red – sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

iii For item (vi), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

(vi) (a). exact situation of the land where each of the sandal wood trees containing hear wood was extracted shall be indicated on the ground by a stout numbered peg which shall be well – driven home in the pit formed in the process of uprootal; the number on the peg being the same as that written on the wood concerned. Such pegs shall be retained until such time as the Divisional Forest Officer or his subordinate authorised by him checks the sandal wood and verifies the locality of the fellings.

(b). The exact situation of the land where each of the sandal wood trees or red sanders wood or schedule tree was extracted shall be indicated by geo-referencing with latitude and longitude apart from the survey number and name of village".

(3) In item (viii),-

(a) In sub-item (a), for the words 'sandal wood or red –sanders wood, as the case may be "wherever they occur, the words "sandal wood or red – sanders wood or schedule tree as the case may be shall be substituted.

(b) In sub-item (b) for the words "red sanders occurring at two places, the words 'red – sanders or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

(4) In sub – rule (4) in items (a), (b) and (c), for the words, 'sandal wood or red – sanders wood" wherever they occur, the words "sandalwood or red – sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

(5) In sub-rule (4-A), for the words 'sandal wood or red- sanders wood" the words "sandal wood or red- sanders wood or schedule tree" shall be substituted.

7. in rule 8, after the words "red-sanders wood" wherever they occur, the words "or schedule tree" shall be inserted**.**

**8.** for rule 9, the following shall be substituted namely:-

"Exemption of small quantities of sandalwood or red-sanders wood or schedule tree carried by a bona fide traveller or cut and carried by ryots for their own use within the prescribed limit of weight".

9. rule 10 shall be omitted.
10. After form VII, the following form shall be added namely:-

Form – VIII
Rule – 4 (5)
A.P. Forest Department
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Certificate of Origin

Ref: Export of Red sanders wood as per the provisions of CITES Export quota

Certificate No. RS / Andhra Pradesh_____

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